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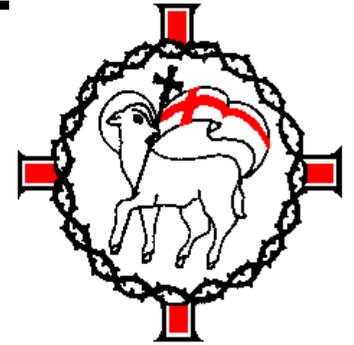
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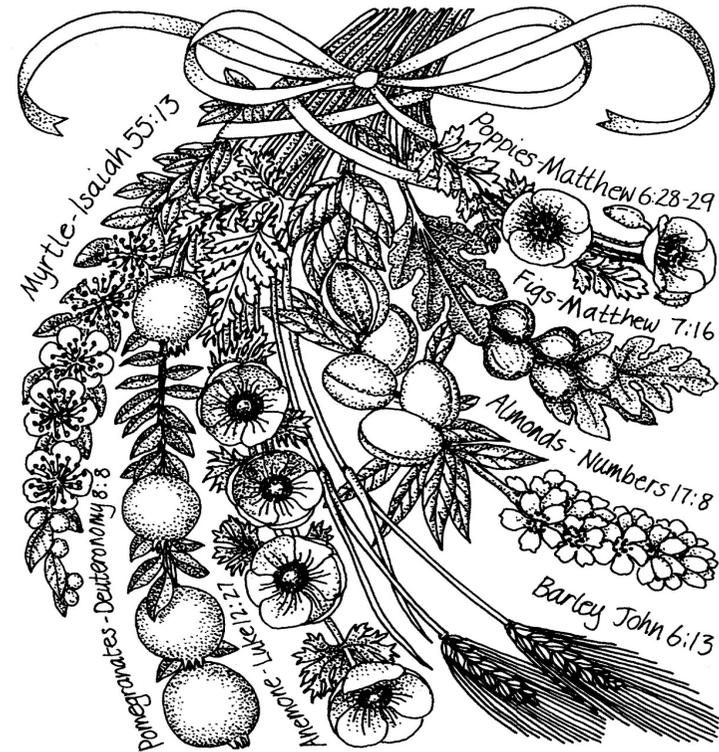
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 THE CHURCH
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July 2016

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

12 June

Harrison James Troy, Stamford Grove, Stalybridge

19 June

Harry John Francis McCarthy, Springs Lane, Stalybridge
Teddy William Clayton, Curzon Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

Weddings

God is love, and those who live in love abide in God, and God lives in them

18 June

David Douglas Airey and Nicola Adele Barlow

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

21 June

Mary Agnes Lewis (aged 76 years) Assheton House, Ashton-under-Lyne

28 June

William Hadfield (aged 82 years) Fir Tree Lane, Dukinfield
(Interment of ashes)
Neil Hadfield (aged 52 years) Greenside Close, Dukinfield
(Interment of ashes)

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Dear Friends,

At the beginning of June, we had a lovely week's holiday at Lake Maggiore in North West Italy. At some forty miles long, it is the second largest Italian lake after Lake Garda and is larger than Lake Como. All of the lakes are extremely picturesque and have their own individual charms.



The northerly part of Lake Maggiore crosses the border into Switzerland. We stayed in the resort of Stresa in a hotel where Pietro Mascagni had composed music in the garden and where writers and other famous names had found inspiration.

In the lake opposite Stresa, are three islands known as the Borromean Islands - Isola Bella (Beautiful Island), Isola Pescatori (Island of Fishermen) and Isola Madre (Mother Island) which is the largest of the three. We visited all of them and, again, each have their own distinctive character, two of them boasting beautiful tropical gardens complete with numerous white peacocks strutting around.

Another visit took us over the nearby mountains to a much smaller Italian lake, Lake Orta, which lies one thousand feet above sea level. There are fewer hotels around Lake Orta, but one reason people visit it, is because of the very peaceful island of Isola San Giulio situated in the lake. The little island, just 902 feet long by 459 feet wide has very picturesque buildings, and takes its name from a local patron saint (Julius of Novara), who lived in the second half of the 4th century. The island appears calm and serene, but it hasn't always been so. It has been the scene of devastating battles, executions, siege and plague, besides playing host to emperors, queens and saints.

The island is dominated by its most famous building of the Basilica di San Giulio, close to which is the monumental old Seminary which was built in 1844 - just four years after our church was consecrated. In 1973, the Basilica was transformed into a Benedictine monastery, and now houses the largest order of enclosed nuns in the world. This is where the Sisters of the Monastero Mater Ecclesiae, Convent of the Mother Church, now reside and work. In co-operation with the Association of the Arts in Florence, the Sisters repair priceless tapestries. Well after sunset, a number of them carry their completed work down to the water's edge where the tapestry is lovingly transferred to a small boat and, from there, to a truck on the mainland. The Sisters usually then pick up yet another aged tapestry for repair. We were informed by our tour guide that

we just might see the rare sight of the Mother Superior speeding across the lake in her speedboat - alas it was not to be.

There is such a tangible air of peace over the entire island, probably because of the presence of this contemplative institution. In the latter part of the 19th Century, the Sisters created two pathways - The Way of The Silence and The Way of Meditation. Depending in which direction you walk, you circle the convent buildings, and are greeted with signs written in Italian, German, English and French, all of which encourage you to stop and meditate on the peace and silence. We walked The Way of The Silence. The signs read:

Listen to the Silence

Listen to the water, the wind, your steps...

In the silence you receive all

In the silence you accept and understand

Silence is the language of love

Silence is the peace of oneself

Silence is music and harmony

Silence is truth and prayer

In the silence you meet the Master

In the silence you breathe God

You don't need to go to Isola San Giulio to see the signs and the words, you can just practice them whenever you have five or ten minutes to spare by just reflecting on the words.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Philip



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Readings and Psalms for July 2016

Sun 3 rd	6th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Habakkuk 2.1-4; Psalm 31.1-6; Ephesians 2.19-end; John 20.24-29
Tues 7 th	10.30 Hosea 8.4-7,11-13; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 9.32-end
Sun 10 th	7th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Luke 10.25-37 10.30 Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37
Tues 12 th	10.30 Isaiah 7.1-9; Psalm 48.1-7; Matthew 11.20-24
Sun 17 th	8th Sunday after Trinity— <i>Baptism and Junior Church Prize Giving</i> 10.30 Genesis 18.1-10a; Luke 10.38-end <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 19 th	10.30 Micah 7.14-15,18-20; Psalm 85.1-7; Matthew 12.46-end
Sun 24 th	9th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Genesis 18.20-32; Luke 11.1-13 10.30 Colossians 2.6-15 ; Luke 11.1-13
Tues 26 th	10.30 Jeremiah 14.17-end; Psalm 79.8-end; Matthew 13.36-43
Sun 31 st	10th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21;

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The vicar's new interest in angling proved to be a real asset when it came to getting more people into church

CHURCH FINANCES

May/June 2016 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
29 May 2016	Trinity 1	£64.77	£323.50	£388.27	
5 June 2016	Trinity 2	£24.00	£223.30	£247.30	
12 June 2016	Trinity 3	£107.17	£487.94	£595.11	
19 June 2016	Trinity 4	£65.80	£255.00	£320.80	
26 June 2016	Anniversary Sunday	£65.30	£426.06	£491.36	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total			£2,906.84	-£3,694.16

* Assuming £13 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £6,601.00 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for June 2016 are:

1st Prize	£25	104	Mavis Russell
2nd Prize	£15	81	Kath Parker
3rd Prize	£10	48	Jeanette Allsopp

The cost is £12 per year per number. There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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June Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop.
DOWN: 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

Anniversary Sunday 26 June 2016

God's Amazing Puppets (GAP)

"So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith." Gal 3:26

Thank you to God's Amazing Puppets for such a wonderfully uplifting service to celebrate our Church Anniversary. It is easy to see why they are in such high demand, they appealed not only to the children but to us 'older' members too and it was great to see people dancing in the aisles.

It was clear was that all the members thoroughly enjoyed what they were doing and to see young people so committed was wonderful.

If you missed them you missed a treat. Thank you.

**Vigils will mark
The Battle of the**

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**the centenary of
Somme**

All-night vigils are being held across the UK to mark the centenary of The Battle of the Somme, which began 100 years ago this month and lasted until November the same year.

It was arguably the most destructive battle ever to have taken place. Over a million men were either killed or wounded, including nearly 60,000 Britons on the first day alone.

Named after the nearby French river, the battle exemplified the futility of trench warfare. The Britons who took part were largely volunteers who had no experience of battle.

The French army commander, General Foch, advised against it, and he was supported by some British commanders, such as General Henry Rawlinson. But they were ignored by politicians and more senior army commanders.

The ground gained by the Allies over the four months of the battle was only about six miles. In the course of the battle, 51 Victoria Crosses were won by British soldiers – 17 posthumously.

Ladies time to get your glad rags on again
St George's is holding
a

Ladies Day

with a
Traditional Afternoon Tea and 'bubbly'
on Saturday 6th August

2pm - 4pm

Ladies will be encouraged to wear hats or fascinators.

Last year's event was very successful
so you won't want to miss out.

The list is now in the church lounge and booking is
essential for catering purposes.

Tickets are £10 and are available from Alicia Harris.

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Children's Page

Smile Lines -for those awaiting exam results!

The following real life answers to various exams explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate?
Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?
He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?
Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.
Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Artic.
Two polar bears. Four seals.

Assess Fashion House plc's choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?
No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?
It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.
Mrs Orpheus.

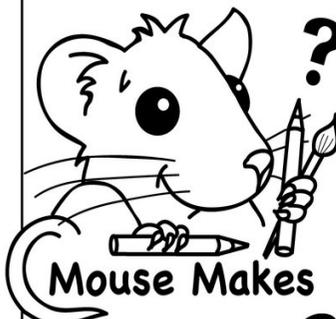
Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?
At the bottom.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.
All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

What is the meaning of the word varicose?
Close by.

What is a fibula?
A little lie.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?
You might walk into it.



Mouse Makes

WHO AM I?
The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J				S
• Mary's first child <i>Luke 1:30-31</i>				
• Hannah's son <i>1 Samuel 1:20</i>				
?				?
• He wrote the third Gospel				
• Followed Elijah <i>2 Kings 2:15</i>				
A				M
• The first man <i>Genesis 2:20</i>				
• Baby in a basket <i>Exodus 2:1-10</i>				
				S
• A wise king <i>1 Kings 4:29</i>				
• He built an ark <i>Genesis 6: 13-14</i>				
N				
• Wrote the 28th book of the Bible				

FIND THE BROTHERS

BENJAMIN	HARAN
ISAAC	MOSES
AARON	JOSEPH
GAD	SHEM
JAPHETH	JAMES
JACOB	ASHER
JOHN	ESAU
CAIN	ISHMAEL
PETER	ABEL
ABRAHAM	ANDREW

WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

- ... is the **first**?
- ... is the **last**?
- ... has the **most** chapters?
- ... is the **last** in the Old Testament?

How many books are there in in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?

DID YOU KNOW?
In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.

The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1
The longest verse is Esther 8:9

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

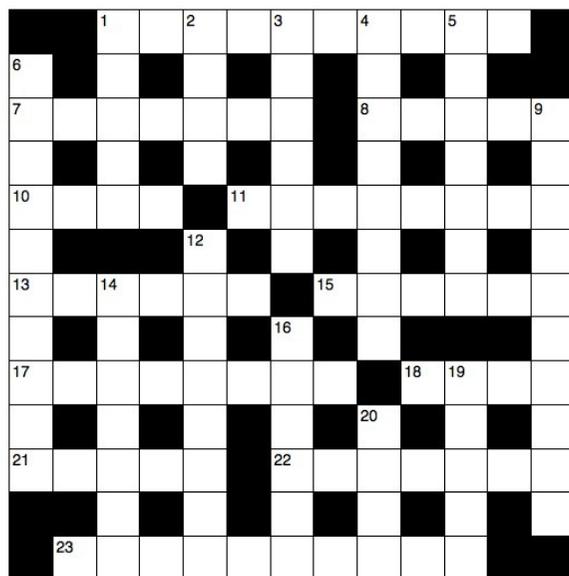
Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

ANDREW
JOHN • JAMES
THOMAS • MATTHEW
• SIMON • THADDEUS
BARTHOLOMEW • PETER
PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

J	O	J	E	S	J	U	D	P	H	T	E	J
M	J	U	D	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	A	E
A	O	D	J	A	M	E	S	I	M	O	N	S
T	H	A	D	D	E	U	S	L	E	H	D	U
T	N	S	I	M	S	T	H	I	W	O	R	S
N	O	T	H	O	M	A	S	P	E	T	E	R
A	B	A	R	T	H	O	L	O	M	E	W	S

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July Crossword



Across

- 1 Jewish day of rest (10) Relating to the
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Some dates for your diary - July 2016

- Sun 3rd Thomas the Apostle**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist with Baptism and Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
- Thurs 7th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
7.30p.m. Confirmation Service at St. Peter's, A-u-L
- Sat 9th** 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
- Sun 10th 7th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 10**
8.30a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist
- Thurs 14th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sat 16th** 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Community Garden Opening
 Behind Harrison St/West Ave/East Ave
- Sun 17th 8th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 11**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist with Baptism and Junior Church Prize Giving
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x2
 3.00p.m. Induction of Revd. David Jacks at Christ Church A-u-L
- Wed 20th** 7.30p.m. Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee Meeting at St. George, Mossley.
- Thurs 21st** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sun 24th 9th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 12**
8.30a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist with Baptism
- Thurs 27th** No Activities - School Holiday
- Sat 30th** 1.00p.m. Wedding of Duncan Denning & Danielle Louise
 8.00p.m. Quiz in the Lounge
- Sun 31st 10th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 13**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3

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Saint of the Month
15 July
Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop,
Teacher of the Faith, 1274

The son of a physician, Bonaventure was born at Bagnoreggio, near Orvieto in Italy. He was known throughout his life for his gentleness, compassion and his availability to those in need. He became a Franciscan in 1243, and was sent to Paris to continue his studies. In 1248 Bonaventure was given a licence to teach, and in 1253 he was appointed head of the Franciscan school in Paris.

A notable theologian, and a contemporary of Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure emphasised the importance of a rational approach to the mysteries of the faith. In contrast to Aquinas he asserted that the creation of the world could be demonstrated by human reason, and he denied the doctrine of the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Bonaventure was a great mystical theologian. He stressed simplicity of life and the importance of detachment from both riches and the rich. He emphasised that all human wisdom was folly when compared with the mystical illumination which God gives to the faithful Christian.

In 1257, when he was 36, he was elected Minister-General of the Franciscan order. He worked to reform the movement, stressed the need to study, and allowed the possession of books and buildings for this purpose. He disapproved of the teaching of absolute poverty. He extended the practice of working in universities. Bonaventure laid emphasis on the Franciscan order as completing and aiding the work of the diocesan clergy, rather than competing against it. In 1263 his biography of St Francis was given official approval by the Franciscan order.

Bonaventure combined the highest intellectual attainments with personal simplicity and humility. In 1265 he was offered the Archbishopric of York but turned it down. In 1273 he was ordered by the Pope to accept the post of Cardinal-Bishop of Albano. The story is told that when his cardinal's hat was brought from Rome Bonaventure continued washing the dishes and instructed the papal legate to hang the hat in a tree since his hands were still wet and greasy from the dishes.

The last acts of his life were focused on the possible reunion of the Western and Eastern Churches. Preliminary agreement was reached, and Bonaventure presided at the Mass of reconciliation. But he died shortly afterwards, and so did not see Constantinople reject the terms of the reunion.

All [these] sciences have certain and infallible rules, like rays of light shining down upon our mind from the eternal law. And thus our mind, illumined and flooded by such brilliance, unless it is blind, can be led through itself to contemplate that Eternal light. The radiation and contemplation of this light lifts up the wise in wonder; and on the contrary it leads to confusion the fools who do not believe so that they may understand.

The Soul's Journey into God, Ch.III

Also 15th July
St.Swithun (or
for a rainy day

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Swithin) - saint

St. Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door. If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation, and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.